

for the regulation of the staple of tobacco, passed June session 1780. A Supplement to the act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco, passed October session 1780. And, the fourth session of an act of assembly, entitled, An additional Supplement to the act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco, passed May session 1781. All which they submit to the honourable house.

By order,

R. B. LATIMER, clk.

Which was read.

The Supplement to the act for establishing a company for opening and extending the navigation of Patowmack river, was read the second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Norris.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee, to whom were referred the petition of Jonathan Hagar, of Washington county, and the memorial of Daniel Heester, junior, of Philadelphia county, in the state of Pennsylvania, beg leave to report, That they have taken the same into consideration, and, from the vouchers produced to them, find the facts set forth in the petition of said Hagar, respecting his being compelled into the service of the enemy, and his having made sundry attempts to desert from them, are true. That it has also been proved to your committee, that the said Hagar is heir at law to his father, Jonathan Hagar, late of Washington county, and was born in, and is a citizen of, this state; that he hath not been indicted or convicted of any crime, whereby he would forfeit his property. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that the property of said Hagar was illegally taken and sold by the state, and that the sale thereof ought to be declared void, and the bonds of said Hagar cancelled.

The committee further report, That the said Hagar prays to be heard at the bar of the house on the other matters in his petition, and are of opinion he ought to be heard by his counsel, as the matters contained therein, and in the memorial of Daniel Heester, are too intricate to be fully investigated by the committee.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Kirkman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee, to whom was referred the petition of Hugh M'Bryde, beg leave to report, That they have examined the allegations therein contained and find them true, and that relief ought to be granted agreeable to the prayer of the said petition. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

R. B. LATIMER, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, ORDERED, That the report on the petition of Jonathan Hagar and the memorial of Daniel Heester, junior, have a second reading on Saturday next, and that they have leave to be heard by counsel at the bar of the house.

Samuel Hughes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the supplement to the act for establishing a company for opening and extending the navigation of Patowmack river, endorsed;

" By the senate, December 14, 1785: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

" By the senate, December 14, 1785: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to grant to Gabriel Peterfon Vanhorn an exclusive right to keep stage carriages on the public road from the river Susquehanna to the river Patowmack, was read the second time and passed.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, December 15, 1785.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Waggaman, Mr. Grahame, and Mr. M'Mechen. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Lethbrury, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee, appointed to consider the memorial of John Page, of Kent county, beg leave to report, That an indictment for treason was found against James Chalmers, at an eastern shore general court in September term 1778, and judgment of outlawry pronounced thereon at April term 1780, on which a fieri facias issued, returnable to April term 1781, directed to the said John Page, then sheriff of Kent county, directing him to make and levy all the estate of the said James Chalmers; which writ was duly executed, and return made of the whole estate, amounting to six thousand seven hundred and seventy-five pounds and one shilling, all which appears by a full copy of the record, under the seal of the clerk of the eastern shore general court, and exhibited to your committee. Your committee are of opinion, that the said John Page ought to be paid for the services done, in the same manner as if he had been engaged for individuals, and that by law he is entitled to the charge made in his said account. Your committee